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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DDP

VIA: Chief, CI

SUBJECT: Request for Permission to Sponsor Travel, Brief,
and Utilize Operationally and Unwittingly
ARCASSOWARY/39 Via ARCASSOWARY/1 (Project
ARCODINAMIC)

1. In accordance with CSM No. 10-27, permission is requested to sponsor and utilize operationally ARCASSOWARY/39 on a trip to the Soviet Union. ARCASSOWARY/39 will be unwitting of United States Government involvement, since the operation will be mounted under the ARCASSOWARY/1 aegis.

2. a. Background

ARCASSOWARY/39 is a forty-six year old American citizen, born in the Western Ukraine (then Austria-Hungary). Early in his life he became involved in Ukrainian nationalist activity and was arrested several times in the early thirties by Polish police for illegal literature distribution. He spent the period 1938-1939 in a Polish prison as a result of this activity.

In 1939, at the time of the Polish partition, ARCASSOWARY/39 made his way from the Soviet-occupied area to the German-occupied area. During the war and since, ARCASSOWARY/39 has steered clear of any direct involvement in Ukrainian nationalist activity. With the exception of a brief period from 1940 to 1941, when he served as a civilian interpreter for the Luftwaffe, ARCASSOWARY/39 made his living in the Ukraine as a businessman, dealing at times in black market foodstuffs obtained from the Germans on various business pretenses. During this period he managed to channel to the anti-German Ukrainian underground army (USA) foodstuffs and other supplies.

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With the retreat of the Germans from the Soviet Union, ARKASSOWARY/39 moved through Poland to Czechoslovakia, Germany, and Austria, emigrating to the United States in 1947. Since then he has lived in New Jersey, working primarily as a skilled machinist.

Because of his intimate knowledge of the Lvov area, his native fluency in Ukrainian, and his ability to maneuver, ARKASSOWARY/39 is regarded as an excellent courier-type agent, which will be his primary task. He is considered by ARKASSOWARY/1 adventurous but genuinely devoted to the Ukrainian nationalist cause, with feelings of guilt for not having taken part in the nationalist struggle during its critical phase. It is only by reason of this detachment, however, that he can now be sent on the projected operational mission.

A psychological assessment of ARKASSOWARY/39 revealed possible tendencies toward subjectivity in reporting which will be considered in his training. On the other hand, he is considered more likely to be overcautious than reckless in a dangerous situation, provided he recognizes the danger for what it is. He also tested as intense and dedicated.

ARKASSOWARY/39 has no close relatives in the Soviet Union but has one brother in Poland whom he will visit for cover purposes on his way to the Soviet Union.

b. Previous Intelligence Connections

As mentioned above, ARKASSOWARY/39 was hired by the Luftwaffe in 1940 as an interpreter with the staff of an intelligence regiment in Warsaw and elsewhere behind the front. He was involved in POW processing.

3. a. Missions

ARKASSOWARY/39 has requested a USSR tourist visa with an itinerary of Moscow, Kiev, Lvov, and Tarnopol for a period of about twelve days, commencing about 20 May.

His ostensible reason for travel to the USSR is to revisit his former homeland, which is a normal motive for such a trip. His father is buried in Tarnopol, and ARKASSOWARY/39 will visit his

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case. 1961 is also the year of the Standard Contractual and
Accessionary/39 TRILL due a side trip from Kiev to Leningrad, the place
of September's burial and the site of the celebration.

Accessionary/39 TRILL has an active operational

station only in Kiev, at the very end of his trip. While in Kiev he
will visit a museum of Ukrainian art where he will meet a target person
of the Accessionary/39 group and a former liaison agent previously by the two.
Accessionary/39 TRILL presents the plan as a gift without mentioning
any formerly secret information and the two targets will be exploited subsequently.
Accessionary/39 TRILL can be instructed to target in Kiev in which there will
be concealed a letter (hidden in Kiev) from Accessionary/2, the chief
target which TRILL be requested to conceal in the two cases of the two targets, a present and book on paper.
Accessionary/39 TRILL can be instructed to target in Kiev in which he will be
asked to conceal his return. The target in this case is believed
to have anti-regime, Ukrainian nationalist tendencies.

Accessionary/39 TRILL also meet and assess an employee or a future Ukrainian plant, besides meetings and a drift from a friend who recently informed him of the Soviet secret service. He will not undertake any operational action in this case, simply reporting on his interactions with his return. The target in this case is believed to have anti-regime, Ukrainian nationalist tendencies.

Accessionary/39 TRILL and assess two old employees of the Accessionary/2, a letter to target in Kiev, in the future. The target is instructed how to identify himself in the request that the target does not contact others with him in the future. The target is instructed how to reply to the two.

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b. Training

AMCASSOWARY/39 will be trained, briefed, and debriefed by an AMCASSOWARY/1 PA with previous REDSKIN experience, working directly under the supervision of a case officer. The entire program will be handled under AMCASSOWARY/1 cover, including PI requirements.

4. Cover

AMCASSOWARY/39 will have tourist cover on his trip. He will not deviate noticeably from normal tourist behavior.

As mentioned above, AMCASSOWARY/39 believes the mission is on behalf of AMCASSOWARY/1. He will be encouraged to continue believing this. A United States Government interest or involvement will be denied.

5. Finance

The cost of the operation will be about \$2400. In addition to expenses, AMCASSOWARY/39 will be reimbursed for time away from his job and perhaps given a modest bonus for good work.

Travel expenses will be handled on a cash basis between AMCASSOWARY/1 and AMCASSOWARY/39. Research indicates that it is not at all infrequent for Ukrainian immigrants to do business with a travel agency in cash which they have apparently saved at home. AMCASSOWARY/39 has an income sufficiently high to afford the proposed trip. *See note below.

6. Future Operational Use

There are no current plans to utilize AMCASSOWARY/39 further upon his return. It is hoped that at least one and perhaps several of the internal contacts will eventually become internal reporting sources.

7. Clearances

AMCASSOWARY/39 was granted a POA on 25 April 1961.

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The traveler has requested that AMCASSOWARY/1 obligate itself to see his 15-year old son through college in the event that he is detained substantially in the Soviet Union because of his operational mission and is unable to return to the United States for a long period of time. Authority is requested to obligate CIA to pay up to \$10,000 through A/1 to the traveler's son under the given circumstances. The money would be dispersed under a scholarship arrangement. If possible, agreement between A/1 and the traveler on this point would be verbal. Only at the traveler's insistence would legal measures be taken before the traveler's departure.

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8. Please refer any inquiries on this operation to
[redacted], 1501 J Building, Extension 4387.

Chief, SR Division

APPROVED:

Chief of Operations, DDCR

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